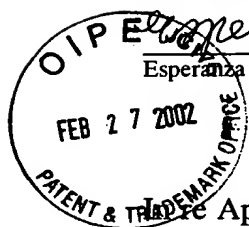


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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants herewith request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated September 27, 2001.

Enclosed please find a check to cover the three-month extension of time which is being submitted on or before the current due date of February 27, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1664. This, however, is not authorization to pay the issue fee.

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